

MINUTES of the REGULAR
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
32 WEST AVENUE
April 11, 2023 @ 3:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Reddington called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Present: Council Members Colleen Twardzik, Don Walsh, Tom Maly, and Steve Cobb, Police Chief Ken McLaughlin, Finance Director Dawn Parks, Planning, Zoning & Development Director Ken Cimino, Town Manager Carol Houck, Town Solicitor Veronica Faust, and Town Clerk Donna Schwartz were also present.

Town Solicitor Veronica Faust read the meeting rules to those present.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on an Ordinance Establishing the FY24 Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2024.

Ms. Houck gave a summary of the Budget plan to the Council before voting.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the FY24 Operating Budget as presented. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on an Ordinance Establishing the Revision of the Capital Expenditures Budget for Fiscal Years April 30, 2024 – 2028.

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve the revision of the Capital Expenditures Budget for years April 30, 2024 – 2028. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

3. ADOPTION of Agenda

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

4. APPROVAL of the Town Council Minutes

A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 14, 2023. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

8B Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Municipal wide Discount Ambulance Subscription Service for an Additional Three Years.

Greg Hocker and Guy Rickards of the Millville Volunteer Fire Company were present and spoke to Council about the increase in the annual subscription ambulance fee from \$35 to \$50 a year. The regular subscription service will be \$75 for non-town properties.

Council Member Walsh inquired about the Town of Millville. Mr. Hocker noted that they were also voting tonight. Ms. Houck stated it could be problematic if Millville doesn't approve the increase. Ms. Faust suggested that the Council vote with a condition subject to Millville approval. Mr. Cobb and Mayor Reddington did not agree with adding a condition to the vote.

A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Twardzik to approve the increase in fees to the Millville Volunteer Fire Company. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

- A. Election results, Mayor Pro-tem Maly read the results of the recent election.**
- B. HELP Initiative:** Mr. Charles Kistler spoke to Council about the many programs they have in place to help citizens with safety concerns to reduce criminal activity. He said they use dusk to dawn light bulbs, solar motion lights, and residential cameras. Mr. Kistler stated that he would be offering an MOU for Ocean View in the coming days. They would identify homes in need and help them.
- C. 2022 Annual Report for the Historic Village of Ocean View was included in the packet.**
- D. Mayor Reddington made a statement regarding the misleading comments and accusations of Mr. Richard Jennison during the recent campaign.**
Council Member Cobb thanked Mayor Reddington for his comments and asked Town Manager Carol Houck what expenses was incurred in having the special attorney for the Election Committee. Ms. Houck replied \$5900 was spent because of Mr. Jennison.

6. REPORTS

- A. Financial (Dawn Parks)**
Report received and filed.
- B. Public Safety (Chief McLaughlin)**
Report received and filed.
- C. Planning, Zoning and Development (Ken Cimino)**
Report received and filed.
- D. Town Manager (Carol Houck)**
Report received and filed.
- E. MVFC Report (Mayor Reddington)**
Report received and filed.

7. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE ON AGENDA ITEMS

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of Ordinance(s) - none**
- B. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Municipal-wide Discount Ambulance Subscription Service. *See Under Communications and Presentations.***

- C. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on Water Service Agreement with Tidewater Utilities, Inc. Amendment #4.
A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the new 5-year agreement amendment #4. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.
- D. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Resolution Establishing a Fee Schedule for the Town of Ocean View.
A motion was made by Council Member Maly, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the fee resolution. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.
- E. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Recommendation to Award the Municipal Maintenance Contract, OVPZ&D 23-10 to George & Lynch Inc. of Dover, DE.
A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Walsh, to approve the award to Geo & Lynch, Inc. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.
- F. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Request for Additional Funding for OVPZ&D 22-07, Country Estates Drainage Improvements.
A motion was made by Council Member Cobb, seconded by Council Member Maly, to approve additional funding for Country Estates drainage. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.
- G. Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Voting on a Request for Additional Funding for OVPZ&D 23-02, Hudson Avenue Pipe Culvert.
A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik, to approve additional funding for Hudson Avenue. The motion was carried unanimously 5/0.

9. CITIZEN'S PRIVILEGE

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Council Member Walsh, seconded by Council Member Twardzik to go into Executive Session at 4:49pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to end the Executive Session at 5:26pm.

No action was taken.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Twardzik, seconded by Council Member Maly, to adjourn the meeting at 5:27pm. The motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Schwartz, MMC,
Town Clerk